



2024 Chicago Peace Fellows Evaluation

01 Purpose

This report presents an analysis of the evaluation data collected from the Goldin Institute's 2024 Chicago Peace Fellows program, which ran from March to November 2024. This report reflects information collected from participating Fellows through a variety of means and is intended to assess their experience throughout the course.

This evaluation is designed to help us understand, and continually improve, the core elements of the Peace Fellows program:

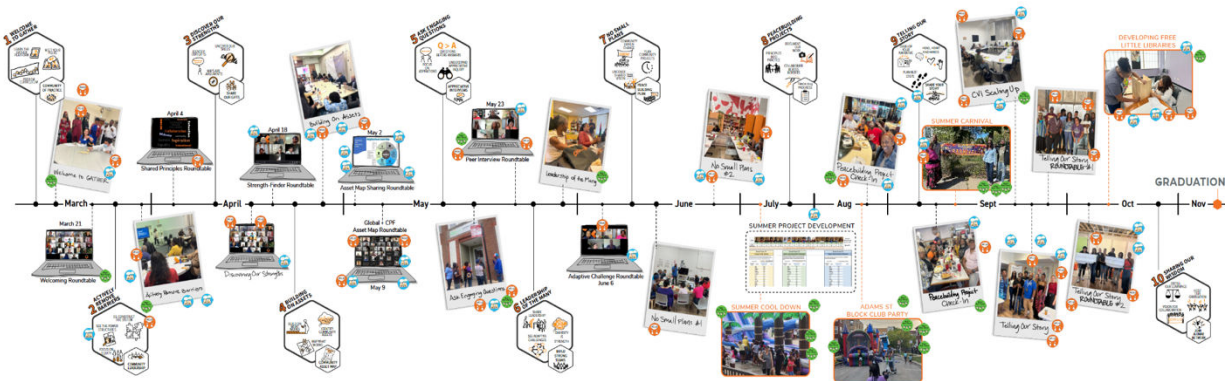
- **CURRICULUM:** Determine what topics, skills and content was most relevant and effective.
- **ACTIVITIES:** Uncover which workshops and events were of greatest benefit.
- **GATHER:** Generate insights for improvements to the GATHER platform and pedagogy.

02 Methods

This evaluation is based on (1) a Critical Moments Reflection group process, (2) bi-monthly reviews of the GATHER platform, and (3) self-reporting by the Chicago Peace Fellows using a post-program evaluation survey. Survey questions included both multiple choice, rating scales, and open-ended written reflections.

03 Chicago Peace Fellows

The Chicago Peace Fellows is a unique leadership development program created by the Goldin Institute, in collaboration with the Partnership for Safe and Peaceful Communities, to connect and equip grassroots leaders in the neighborhoods most impacted by violence so that they can be more effective in violence prevention and peacebuilding.



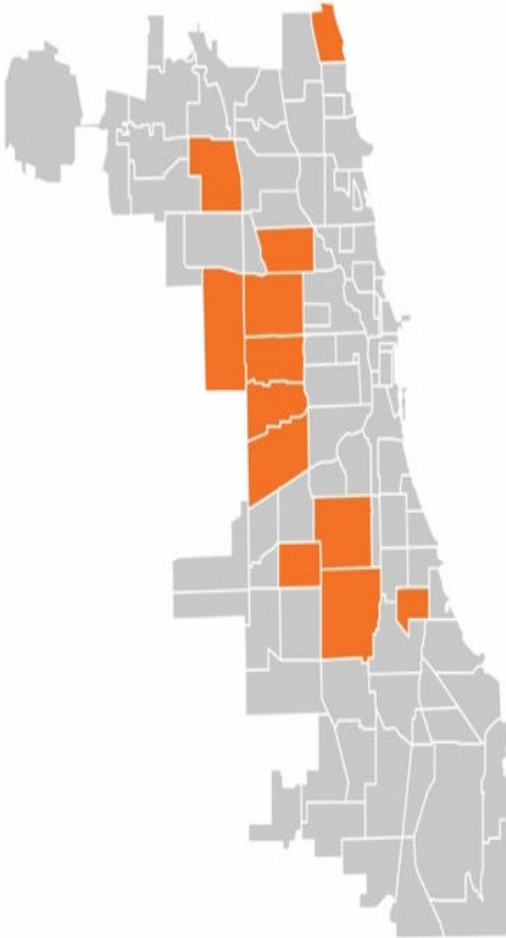
Designed in collaboration with past grantees of the Chicago Fund and with input from a wide range of civic leaders, Fellows are guided through a curriculum hosted on the GATHER platform, which provides a series of core social change concepts and tools for authentic community engagement.

The curriculum encourages peer-to-peer learning, practice, and reflection — augmented through workshops led by partner organizations on the frontlines of violence-prevention work throughout the city.

In 2024, the Goldin Institute convened 19 Chicago Peace Fellows as a community of practice to learn and work together towards promoting peace at a grassroots level.

Each Fellow received a stipend and access to the GATHER platform where they learned and collaborated over the course of eight months. By connecting these 19 Chicago leaders through GATHER, their work became more effective, interconnected, and sustainable.

As the program enters its seventh year, the Chicago Peace Fellows program has a powerful and growing network of 120 Alumni engaged in peacebuilding initiatives across the city.



Chicago neighborhoods where the 2024 Chicago Peace Fellows live and work.

04 Key Findings

According to the collected data, the 2024 Chicago Peace Fellows program was a meaningful and positive experience: **100% of Fellows rated their overall experience favorably**, with 65% reporting it as excellent and 35% as good. No Fellows reported their experience as average or poor.

Owing to their participation in the GATHER course, we are pleased to report significant positive development for our Fellows in critical areas, such as:

- **Collaboration:** 100% of Fellows strongly agree (77%) or agree (23%) that they developed closer relationships with aligned organizations.
- **Learned New Approaches:** 100% of Fellows strongly agree (65%) or agree (35%) that they learned useful new approaches to community leadership.
- **Storytelling:** 100% of Fellows strongly agree (77%) or agree (23%) that they gained useful skills in telling the full story of their community.
- **Self-Care:** 100% of Fellows strongly agree (65%) or agree (35%) that they learned and practiced strategies for healing and wellness to prevent burnout.
- **Asset Mapping:** 100% of Fellows strongly agree (65%) or agree (35%) that they feel confident in their understanding of ABCD and their ability to create their own asset map.
- **Intersectionality:** 100% of Fellows strongly agree (65%) or agree (35%) that they understand intersectionality and the difference between equity and equality.
- **Removing Barriers:** 100% of Fellows strongly agree (65%) or Agree (35%) that they understand the importance of removing barriers to enable full participation for people at the margins.
- **Working Across Neighborhoods:** 95% of Fellows strongly agree (71%) or agree (24%) that they increased their ability to work with peers across neighborhoods to advance violence-prevention efforts.

A core goal of the Chicago Peace Fellows program is to create meaningful and lasting bonds. More than simply emphasizing leadership development, the Peace Fellows pedagogy focuses on building a community of practice that can learn and collaborate. We are pleased to report:

- **Deeper Bonds:** 100% of Fellows reported feeling extremely connected (88%) or moderately connected (12%) to their peers.
- **Lasting Bonds:** 100% of Fellows reported that they were extremely likely (82%) or likely (18%) to stay connected with members of their cohort after the program.
- **Enduring Bonds:** 94% of Fellows are interested in participating in the Global Alumni Network and Mutual Aid Collaborative for ongoing learning and collective action.

05 Post-Graduation Evaluation

The following data is a general summary of the 2024 Chicago Peace Fellows post-survey results. The survey was first circulated in late November 2024 and had 90% participation (17 of 19 respondents) by December 2024. The survey comprises 65 questions intended to provide a candid evaluation of the Fellow’s experience during the course, their perceived learning achievements, and their recommendations for the future.

05.1 Learning Journey

Based on this assessment, Fellows had an overwhelmingly positive learning experience during the course. Over 65% of Fellows rated their overall learning as “Excellent,” whereas 100% of participants rated their experience as “Good” or “Excellent.”

05.1.1 Please rate your overall learning experience as a result of the GATHER curriculum, including both online and in-person workshops.					
QUESTION	Percent Positive	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor
How would you rate your learning as a result of the GATHER curriculum overall?	100%	65%	35%	0%	0%

05.1.2 Please rate the following: As a result of GATHER and the Chicago Peace Fellows program, I...					
QUESTION	Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Developed closer relationships with other like-minded organizations.	100%	77%	23%	0%	0%
Learned new approaches to leadership and felt supported on how to apply them.	100%	65%	35%	0%	0%
Feel more confident to tell the full story of my community.	100%	77%	23%	0%	0%
Developed strategies to facilitate collaborative project management.	89%	71%	18%	11%	0%
Learned and practiced strategies for healing and wellness to prevent burnout.	94%	47%	47%	6%	0%

05.1.3 Please rate the following: As a result of the GATHER platform and the Chicago Peace Fellows program, I...

QUESTION	Percent Positive	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Understand the concept of Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD).	100%	71%	29%	0%	0%
Understand the difference between a deficit and an asset-based mindset.	100%	77%	23%	0%	0%
Understand what an asset map is and feel confident in my ability to create a community asset map.	100%	82%	18%	0%	0%
Feel confident to work across neighborhood borders to advance anti-violence work.	94%	70%	24%	6%	0%
Understand how community leadership is different from management.	94%	65%	29%	6%	0%
Understand the importance of removing barriers to enable full participation.	100%	65%	35%	0%	0%
Understand intersectionality and the difference between equity and equality.	94%	59%	35%	6%	0%

05.1.4 What workshops or events were especially helpful or meaningful to you? Why?

“A recent gathering of Block Club leaders was especially meaningful because it highlighted the power of asset-based community building. Leaders shared success stories and focused on strengths, celebrating the positive impact block clubs make rather than emphasizing problems. This approach aligned with the asset-based lens I’ve been learning, which focuses on leveraging community strengths to address challenges. Our discussions fostered collaboration and pride, showing how valuable this perspective is for empowering communities.”

“Connecting to the global peace fellows because it shows that peace makers all over the world everyone is fighting for change, the community walks was helpful because we focus so much on the bad stuff in the community that we sometimes forget all the good in it. ”

“Asset-based Mapping and Projects related and Community Projects. It allowed me to be able to see the community with a fresh perspective. We have more and can do more than we think. We have tools and resources accessible to people and in built and natural environments that we may have missed without the intentional shift of how we look at our communities.”

“ReEntry resources fair, first time I did an event.”

“ABCD and Appreciative Inquiry are tangible tools that we can use in the real world to evaluate our communities. ABCD and Appreciative Inquiry are compassionate and positive ways of how we can improve and highlight what’s working well in our neighborhoods.”

<p>“All of the workshops were different and unique. I like to keep an open mind. All of the workshops were meaningful and engaging. Something was taken from each.”</p>
<p>“Our end of program projects and the community walk project.”</p>
<p>“ I appreciated the practical, in-person application of the ideas and tools from Gather.”</p>
<p>“I really appreciated the workshop about story telling with an attempt to understand what the audience understands versus the message a group is attempting to communicate. It assists in my understanding of how to reach my audience. It also helps me to think consciously about asking for input from the audience so that I can better craft my message.”</p>
<p>“The in person workshops were most helpful because of the opportunity to personally interact with the cohort.”</p>
<p>“Visiting Breakthrough Urban ministries on the Westside and seeing what they do for the people in their community. Their FamilyPlex site is amazing and it's what I would like to do for my organization.”</p>
<p>“Finding my Assets in my own Community.”</p>
<p>“Any workshop with guest orgs. It is unfortunate they wasted the majority of the session talking about their services, when we can google that. but should focus on having deeper conversations on the issues and inspiring us to think about root cause analysis to these issues which can inspire the final project. ”</p>
<p>“I've enjoyed participating in the asset map workshop. I've been looking for creative ways to start understanding my community in a geographic mindset. I was able to come to a realization that my community is complex and has a lot to offer. I was able to story tell with other Chicago Peace Fellows about their neighborhoods. Everything for a moment within our communities became centered for a second, and I enjoyed that feeling.”</p>
<p>“The workshops on community engagement and storytelling were especially helpful and meaningful to me. The storytelling session helped me articulate the mission and vision of my organization in a compelling way, making it easier to connect with potential partners and funders. The community engagement workshop deepened my understanding of asset-based community development and provided practical tools for involving stakeholders in meaningful ways. Why: These workshops aligned directly with my work at Project Impact 180, equipping me with skills to amplify our impact and strengthen our ties with the communities we serve. The focus on collaboration and authentic connections resonated with my values and mission.”</p>
<p>“I enjoyed coming together as a community and openly discussing topics.”</p>

<p>05.1.4 What workshops or events were especially helpful or meaningful to you? Why?</p>
<p>“I plan to apply what I learned by continuing to focus on the strengths within the communities I work with, rather than just their needs. In future projects and workshops, I'll aim to create spaces where people can share their successes and unique resources, fostering collaboration and pride. This asset-based approach will guide me in helping communities recognize and build upon their own assets to drive positive change.”</p>
<p>“I will apply what I learned from all my peace fellows, they all brought different ideas on how to look at the community that we served differently the wisdom I've received will help me better understand my view on the community and how we operate.”</p>
<p>“Everything is now a tool or resource...a voice, a vote, energy to open and close doors.”</p>
<p>“I will apply these techniques in my day to day work.”</p>
<p>“I have a more intentional and positive understanding of how we can evaluate and improve our communities. The ABCD model is a tool we can use within a wide variety of contexts. Considering the assets allows us to continue supporting and highlight the strengths of a community. We can also apply this to people. It's also important for us to identify and build on the assets we have.”</p>

<p>“Every aspect of our non profit will benefit from what we learned.”</p>
<p>“I have learned to take a more asset based approach to community building.”</p>
<p>“The strength finder and other tools that I have found beneficial to our programming and will continue to utilize the community connections made during our field trips, like Institute for Non-Violence and Free Street Theater.”</p>
<p>““Help is helpful.” In both the giving and receiving of help we strengthen the bonds of our community. The time spent with the 2024 Peace Fellows Cohort has given me insight in how others proceed and prosper. I am constantly applying the methods of creating asset maps of the community. For example, an employee of Stein Learning Garden was looking for someone who can build fences around a future Urban Farm site. I reached out to Cohort members and other community assets to get Aziz a resource. I do not know, if, without mentally mapping assets, I would have immediately begun to attempt to find him a resource. I have also begun to focus on building an "ask" into my conversations. I want to expand my reach and bring more community engagement with local food production to decrease food insecurity.”</p>
<p>“To engage with other leaders to grow my organization and provide resources to my community.”</p>
<p>“I will look for and connect with more community leaders that deal with Children on the Autism Spectrum and help provide support/aid for families and violence prevention.”</p>
<p>“Applying the skill that I have learned to better my community.”</p>
<p>“I have been applying these strategies before the program but now it has reinforced my teachings. I have used the ABCD model to create our strategy at work and it continues to lead my work. The knowledge and skills weren't new, but the relationships and connections is why I joined.”</p>
<p>“I will work with the 1,000+ students I support and teach them ways to think about their community, learn strategies to support their communities, and how to build relationships.”</p>
<p>“I will apply what I learned by integrating the storytelling techniques into our grant applications, marketing materials, and community outreach efforts to better convey the transformative impact of Project Impact 180. The strategies from the community engagement workshop will guide how we build partnerships, ensuring we involve stakeholders in the planning and execution of our programs. Additionally, I plan to mentor other leaders in my organization, sharing these insights to foster a culture of collaboration, innovation, and intentional relationship-building. These tools will also help us sustain and scale our programs while remaining deeply connected to the needs of the community.”</p>
<p>“I will expand my outreach to other organizations in support of their missions with the underlying hope of expanding my services as well.”</p>

05.2 Connection to Each Other

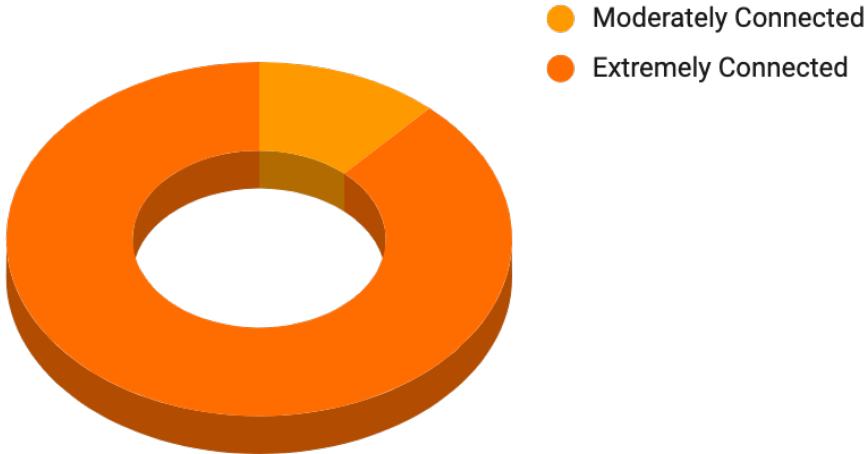
05.2.1 How connected do you feel to the other Chicago Peace Fellows at the conclusion of the course?

At the conclusion of the course, 100% of Fellows expressed a meaningful connection with their peers. 88% of Fellows reported feeling extremely connected to their cohort, while 12% felt moderately connected.

05.2.2 How many of the 2024 Fellows do you feel you got to know well during the course?

100% of Fellows reported building strong relationships with their peers in the 2024 cohort, clearly reflecting a sense of connection. 100% of Fellows reported building strong relationships with more than four of their peers, with 65% reporting they developed personal relationships with 4-6 peers, 23% with 7-10 peers, and 12% reporting personal relationships with over 10 of their cohort members.

05.2.3 How likely is it that you will stay in touch with some of the Fellows now that the course is complete?



05.2.4 How much did your professional networks and connections in the NEIGHBORHOODS / CITY you work in grow as a result of your work with the Chicago Peace Fellows?

The Fellows were able to deepen their connections across the city and within their neighborhoods through the program. 100% of Fellows reported building stronger networks and connections across the city, with 47% of Fellows reporting a great deal of growth and 47% reporting moderate growth in their connections within their neighborhoods.

05.2.5 If you have any comments about your connection to other Peace Fellows or the effect of GATHER on your local professional networks, please write that here (optional).

“Connecting with other Peace Fellows through Gather has strengthened my commitment to community work and broadened my perspective. Sharing experiences with fellows from diverse backgrounds has enriched my understanding and given me new ideas for local initiatives. These connections have also expanded my professional network, opening doors for potential partnerships and collaborative efforts in my work with Breakthrough and the Adams Block Club. The support and insights from this community remind me that we’re part of a larger movement, encouraging me to apply what I learn to make a lasting impact locally.”

“I am now also connected globally with Faisal Ilyas who is a Global Peace Fellows. The Chicago Peace Fellows was a seed planted deep that has broken through its shell and gotten its roots and the seedlings, those first leaves, are well above ground. My plan is to nourish this seedling so that it continues to grow. I will be visiting their sites and volunteering as my schedule permits. I do believe that we have continual opportunities to serve with and towards one another. I had some "distractions" and "obstructions" on my journey as a Peace Fellow (life has been life-ing for us all), however, I'm committed for life to this family of change agents. This is only the beginning.”

“I met a bunch of great people.”

“So grateful for the personal and professional development these connections will foster.”

“This program has enabled me to build lifelong relationships with many of the Peace Fellows from both my cohort and this year’s global cohort. It has significantly expanded my network and opened new possibilities for collaboration.”

“Too often I found myself amazed and intimidated by some of our cohorts' intensity of purpose. Whether guided by humanistic motivation or religious belief, many found a way to serve with humility and grace. Antonio Daniels' service to the group brought peace and serenity. Tai Donovan is and was pivotal in organizing the inspirational chaos of our varied goals and projects. Kevin Amaro has the ability to ask the most thoughtful and perceptive questions. Chris Payne brought a smile along with clever solutions. Ana Maria H. quietly and efficiently carried out the tasks in front of her with an impressive ferocity. Most of the Cohort that I interacted with left me impressed and inspired.”

“The Peace Fellows has empowered and encouraged me to put in place my ‘I can do’ attitude.”

“My peace fellows and Gather has become a part of my everyday conversation.”

05.3 Using GATHER

GATHER is an online platform designed to support shared learning and collaboration between communities of practice. The suite of tools on GATHER enables participants to learn, work, and reflect together on real issues facing their communities. Structured around a “learning journey,” GATHER provides a robust and customizable framework in which individuals and groups can create their own curriculum for social change.

The 2024 Chicago Peace Fellows used the GATHER platform to access a unique curriculum replete with readings, exercises, chats, and project tracking.

The following questions relate to the Fellows’ experience both using the platform and engaging with their specific curriculum.

05.3.1 Please rank your overall satisfaction with using the GATHER platform?

QUESTION	Percent Positive	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied
What is your overall satisfaction with the GATHER platform?	100%	47%	53%	0%

05.3.2 Please rate your satisfaction with the functionality of each of the following aspects of the GATHER platform:

QUESTION	Percent Positive	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Did not use this feature
Discussion Board	76%	17%	59%	12%	12%
Text Chat Feature	59%	12%	47%	17%	24%
Video chat	53%	18%	35%	6%	41%
Navigation	71%	18%	53%	23%	6%
Library	88%	23%	65%	0%	12%
Toolkit	88%	29%	59%	0%	12%
Learning Journal	76%	29%	47%	6%	18%
Budget Tracker	53%	29%	24%	6%	41%
Alerts and Notifications	60%	24%	35%	12%	29%

05.3.3 If you have comments about the app's features, share them here (optional).

"The Gather is a great tool that I would like to continue to access."

"The chat was the only problem, at least for me sometimes it was hard to connect with one or text would be received late."

"I did have some technical difficulties, but the staff was able to help me work on it. "

"It wasn't very user friendly but overtime I got the hang of it."

"Difficult to navigate on my mobile device to the point of avoidance."

"No problem with it at all."

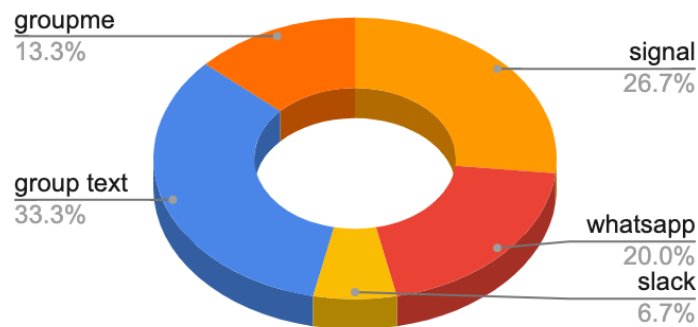
"It was difficult to navigate. Even when you finished a section, it still showed things I finished. It didn't bookmark our work correctly and made it annoying to have to find our place again. I recommend using a system that is already effective like D2I, blackboard or something else."

05.3.4 What tool would you recommend for real time communication with the group?

“Text messages work best for me because having to download additional apps is not available to everyone and typically a phone is readily available.”

“Signal seemed to work for most of the group. Eventually we settled on text messages.”

“Anything that doesn't require downloading another app. I have to download 3 apps for work and was pressured to download more for this but I refused. Text, or anything else works well.”



05.3.5 Please rate your satisfaction with the following course activities and assignments:

QUESTION	Percent Positive	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	NA
Reading GATHER's online curriculum.	94%	59%	35%	6%	0%
Participating in online discussion boards.	82%	47%	35%	6%	12%
Attending public events with other Fellows.	100%	77%	23%	0%	0%
Attending weekly video chat roundtables.	88%	70%	18%	0%	12%
Making a community asset map.	94%	76%	18%	0%	6%
Conducting Appreciative Inquiry interviews.	77%	65%	12%	0%	23%
Planning the graduation event.	88%	71%	17%	12%	0%

05.3.6 If you have comments about the GATHER activities, please write them here (optional).

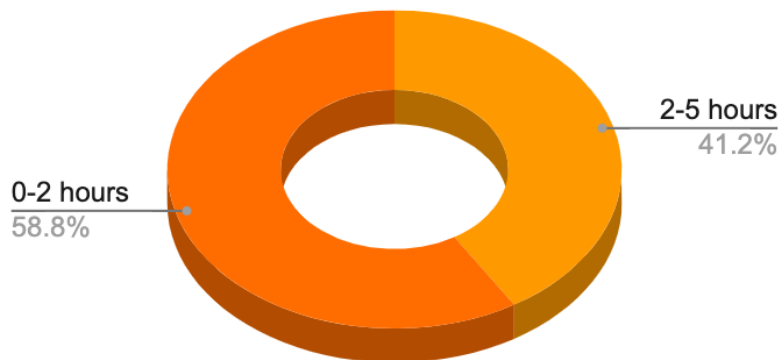
"I wish I could have attended them all."

"I think for future cohorts it would be more of a celebration for them if they did not have to take on the responsibility of putting together their own graduation. They should be able to offer up ideas for what they would like to see but I felt having to plan and create what was done at the graduation made it feel like another assignment rather than a celebration."

"More evening meetings. "

"It was very upsetting to me and others that the majority of the events took place northside. It's beyond upsetting and disappointing. We talk about our neighborhoods yet we only meet in the places that don't represent us with parking struggles as well. Please find more diverse spaces for the following years."

05.3.7 How many hours per week on average did you spend on Gather and Chicago Peace Fellows work?



05.3.8 If you wish to explain your answer above, please do that here.

"Most projects were good and had a lot of time to complete. For me it was hard because of work and other projects I was on so I didn't get to finish a lot of them."

"I spent more time putting together the asset map."

05.4 Staying Connected

05.4.1 How interested are you in the following ways of staying involved with the GATHER team, other Chicago Peace Fellows, or the Global Alumni Network?

QUESTION	Percent Positive	Extremely Interested	Somewhat Interested	Not Interested
Periodic local meet-ups organized by the Goldin Institute.	100%	100%	0%	0%
Periodic GATHER Roundtable video meet ups.	100%	88%	12%	0%
Technical support from the Goldin Institute for work in your community.	100%	82%	18%	0%
Collective Action with other Chicago Peace Fellows on shared concerns.	100%	82%	18%	0%
Updates from GATHER peers on their work.	100%	88%	12%	0%
Access to new curriculum on other topics on the GATHER platform.	100%	82%	18%	0%
Information on grants, fundraising, fellowship, and training opportunities.	100%	88%	12%	0%
Opportunities to meet and converse with future cohorts of Fellows.	100%	88%	12%	0%
Designing and delivering training yourself on the GATHER platform.	94%	82%	12%	6%
Media and social media outreach and support.	88%	59%	29%	12%

05.4.2 Are there any other follow-up activities that you would find useful (optional)?

“Debriefing as a group, meet-ups, asking how we can serve each other's purpose and work now that we have completed this training. I found that during our last event (wellness festival), while we're gathered in the parking lot, that there is a need for support for each person's individual organization and connections to be made (all of us know someone else that can be a help).”

“I believe finding more ways to support Peace Fellows in advancing their community initiatives. Many Fellows have innovative ideas for launching their own community organizations but face challenges in getting started. Providing more targeted webinars or virtual meetings on key topics—such as building a solid foundation for their organizations or strategies to expand community reach—could be instrumental. These efforts would empower Fellows to bring their visions to life, ultimately creating more programs and resources to benefit Chicago communities.”

“More community events.”

05.4.3 Are there any other comments you would like to share about your experience with GATHER and the Chicago Peace Fellows?

“Love every moment of it and glad to connect with my class.”

“Thank you to Director Michael Henderson who did an extraordinary job leading and guiding this 2024 cohort of change agents. Thank you to Founding Executive Director, Travis Rejman, for his vision and his heart for peace...for his continual presence throughout the cohort's workshops and activities and for his dance down the aisle on our graduation. :) I am so thankful to be a part of this beautiful community and I'm looking forward to our work ahead.”

“I am looking forward to all the possibilities of what's to come! Thank you all so much for the support, dedication, and work you all have done to make this cohort a success. It has been so rewarding and fruitful.”

“The Gather platform was helpful, but it felt somewhat impersonal and more like completing homework than engaging in a learning experience. While we did discuss the assignments during virtual meetings, it would be more effective if they were completed collaboratively during those sessions rather than just discussed. This approach would make the process more interactive and engaging.”

“Thank you for this incredible experience! I am forever impacted and have additional tools to utilize and share and a new network of colleagues to engage, socially and professionally. Thank you for that. It would have been helpful for planning to know the entire scope of the expectations for the program. The Gather assignments, community activities, and attending the weekly field trips. I would venture to say that people found where they could participate the best and most and focused their energy in that area. I did the same. I am grateful that the Gather platform and tools are still available for review and to utilize. I was not able to spend as much time as I wanted to on the platform.”

“Afternoon meetings were difficult for some of our cohort. Creating in person meetings with the ability to call or zoom in might be helpful.”

“Absolutely grateful for the opportunity to participate . The leaders were very patient and helpful.”

“My experience was truly Awesome.”

“While there are a plethora of positive things I can say, I think we should have dedicated time to deconstruct why we do the work we do. There are a lot of savior complexes and individuals who only care about doing "good things". Whether it's to feel better about themselves, it's a shame how we didn't discuss systematic, institutional, political factors that perpetuate the issues we are fighting. We had some members outside our meetings stop talking and ignoring others due to differences of policing in the community, or these events that "give stuff to people" instead of attempting to actually do something unique instead of repeating these same mundane "resource" fairs that we see everyday. We were supposed to be more, better, but just ended with nothing unique due to having to meet in the middle with so many backgrounds. I understand this is replicating what it's like in the real world, but we had a different opportunity.”

“My experience with Gather and the Chicago Peace Fellows has been transformative. The program provided a supportive space to connect with like-minded individuals who are equally passionate about creating positive change. The diversity of perspectives and shared wisdom among the fellows broadened my understanding of community-building and inspired new approaches to my work. The Gather platform has been an invaluable resource for collaboration and sharing tools. I deeply appreciate the commitment of the program facilitators, whose guidance and encouragement have made this journey even more impactful. Thank you for creating this meaningful opportunity to learn, grow, and lead.”

05.4.4 Do you plan to participate in the events and programs hosted by the Mutual Aid Network?

Fellows were interested in continuing their participation through the Mutual Aid Network: 94% expressed an interest to engage with 70% reporting a commitment to participating.

05.5 Global Alumni Network

05.5.1 Do you plan to participate in the events and programs hosted by the Global Alumni Network?

Fellows were interested in continuing their participation through the Global Alumni Network: 94% expressed an interest to engage.

05.5.2 What topics or workshops would you like to see in future Global Alumni Roundtables?
“Peace building, peace making, peace strategy.”
“Aligning our work, support and evangelizing of peace efforts, resources shared, connections made, peer support, mentorship, etc.”
“Funding, grants, sustainable programs.”
“Mental health and self care workshops, coalition building workshops, trust building activities, lectures from Chicago and global fellows on their work, intersectionality and how all of our work is connected.”
“Expand on the gather platform.”
“Roundtables designed to bring together past Fellows to collaborate on planning and executing large-scale community events.”
“Organizing PF alumnus around training funders not to over tax the people doing the work. We can create a "common application" for funding. They all want the same basic information. Stop making the people doing the REAL work jump through unnecessary, inefficient hoops.”
“ABCD--asset based.”
“Community outreach and fundraising.”
“Funding, organizing, making connections.”
“Fostering Restorative Cultures through circle.”
“Trauma-Informed Community Building, Culturally Relevant Mentorship Models, Global Collaboration for Local Impact, Work-Life Balance for Change-Makers.”
“More outreach.”

05.5.3 How do you hope the Global Alumni Network can help you in reaching your future goals?

“As a facilitator.”

“peer support, mentorship, resources, connections, encouragement and shared stories. Doing life together as change agents and as people.”

“I hope to connect with more likeminded fellows passionate about their work. I’m excited to continue learning from others and gaining more leadership and professional development.”

“Networking and Support.”

“I hope the Mutual Aid Collaborative and Global Alumni Network will provide opportunities to connect with like-minded individuals who share a passion for community-driven initiatives. Through these networks, I aim to gain access to resources, mentorship, and collaborative partnerships that can help bring my ideas and future projects to life. Additionally, the exchange of knowledge and diverse perspectives within these networks will be invaluable in refining my strategies and expanding the impact of my future projects.”

“They can support the growth of our individual and collective neighborhood work.”

“By helping connect community members and global community collaborate for greater impact.”

“Sharing best practices, funding resources and training curriculum.”

“By networking, finding like-minded people or funders for future projects.”

“Bringing more help to my community.”

“Spreading the word and action that we need to come together and support each other to move forward in a sustainable pathway.”

“I hope the Mutual Aid Collaborative and Global Alumni Network can serve as a platform for knowledge-sharing, resource exchange, and collaboration. By connecting with other alumni and experts, I can gain fresh perspectives and innovative strategies to enhance the programs at Project Impact 180. I also see potential in leveraging the network to form partnerships that expand access to funding, training opportunities, and tools to strengthen our impact. Additionally, the network’s global reach can inspire cross-cultural learning and open pathways for addressing systemic challenges with creative, community-driven solutions. Having a supportive and resourceful community to turn to would be invaluable as I work toward my goals of empowering youth and fostering sustainable community transformation.”

“Access to grants and more info on best practices geared toward business models.”