

CNT presents

VISIONARY VOICES!

Join us this summer and fall for Visionary Voices – conversations with planners, organizers, and researchers about the built environment. Each event will feature a panel, Q&A, and time to meet and chat over refreshments and a beverage of your choice!

Visionary Voices for sustainable new visions in planning: women to the front

Planners have noticed that a historically male-dominated field skews toward planning for men— what will it look like to build cities with women at the front of mind? Panel members will share stories of how their identity inspires their practice, with a focus on sustainability and community.

Join us for a panel discussion, Q&A, conversation and networking with light refreshments. Free, but registration required so we know how much food to buy!

We're also planning two events for later this year...

September: Visionary Voices on Think AND Do: local leaders + policy advocates making change together

November: Visionary Voices on Climate-Induced Migration/Displacement



4 PM - 6 PM

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PANELISTS

Lindy Wordlaw, AICP

She serves as the Chicago Recovery Plan Director for Climate and Environmental Justice Initiatives at the City of Chicago. In this role, she oversees a climate portfolio of projects funded by a historic \$188 million dollar commitment, the largest one-time climate investment made by the City of Chicago that serves as a down payment for jumpstarting climate and environmental justice work in Chicago's historically disadvantaged and under resourced communities. Ms. Wordlaw works in the Office of Climate and Environmental Equity and supports additional policy work related to climate, equity and environmental justice.

Olga Bautista

Olga Bautista has a deep commitment to the future of South Chicago and has dedicated her professional career to improving the community. She currently serves as Executive Director of the Southeast Environmental Task Force (SETF). As one of the lead organizers for both the Southeast Side Coalition to Ban Petcoke and the Campaign to Stop General Iron, Olga has led local environmental justice campaigns that have forced federal, state and local politicians to address the pressing environmental issues in the 10th Ward. For the last decade, her work has been featured in local, national and international news outlets. Olga has also served her community as a Local School Council Parent Representative at John L. Marsh School, a YWCA Crisis Intervention Specialist, a Board Member of the Immigrant Defense Alliance, and a member of the Caucus of Rank and File Educators (CORE).

Raquel Garcia-Alvarez

Raquel Garcia-Alvarez is the Policy Manager and a steward at the Forest Preserves of Cook County. She co-leads Latinx stewardship days at Possum Hollow Woods to connect the local Latinx community to their natural areas. In 2021 & 2022, she was on a detail focusing on operationalizing racial equity within the Forest Preserves and part of the Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) Committee. Raquel was named one of "16 Impactful and Influential Eco-Warriors Making a Difference for the Environment in 2021" according to Marin Magazine. Raquel has a master's degree in Environment and Natural Resource Management from the University of Iceland in Reykjavík and an undergraduate degree in Animal Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Nina Idemudia, AICP, Moderator

Nina joined CNT in September 2023 as our new CEO. Previously, she served as Chicago Recovery Plan Director for the Chicago Department of Planning and Development, where her primary focus was to ensure equitable grant distribution across 11 critical program initiatives supporting Chicago's economic revival. She has also helped to lead MUSE Community + Design, where she served as Director of Planning, and has previously served as a planner for the City of Los Angeles.