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The Board of Directors of The Canadian Institute of Cultural Affairs (ICA Canada) invites past, present, and future ICA Canada supporters and members to attend the 2024 Virtual AGM.

**Date:** Thursday, June 27, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (EDT)

Annual General Meeting (AGM) Discussion: Following Our Strategic Directions - An Opportunity for International Expansion.

After our formal business proceedings, we’ll proceed with a presentation titled 'Following Our Strategic Directions - An Opportunity for International Expansion of Courage to Lead (CTL).’ Over the past few years, ICA Canada has diligently worked on developing structures to offer CTL to the global community, ensuring quality and a supportive framework for its worldwide delivery. Now, our organization stands at a point of abundant opportunity, and your participation is crucial in shaping our next steps. During this presentation, we’ll discuss the rationale and potential benefits of broadening our CTL initiative, as well as provide an update on our progress towards this aim.

Following the presentation, we’ll facilitate guided small group discussions, providing a platform to share your thoughts, ideas, and considerations on this prospective journey. Your active participation will contribute to our collective wisdom, aiding us in navigating the opportunities and challenges of global expansion.

Please register to reserve your spot and receive the Zoom link as the event date approaches. Those who register before June 13th will also get relevant meeting materials emailed to them.  

**Please click here to register.**

For any inquiries, feel free to reach out to us at ica@icacan.org.
Exciting News for Turkish Readers: "The Courage to Lead" Now Available in Turkish!

We are delighted to announce that the 2nd Edition of "The Courage to Lead" by Brian Stanfield has been translated into Turkish and is now available for purchase, thanks to the dedication and hard work of Rengin Akkemik.

Our deepest appreciation goes to Rengin for the countless hours spent on this endeavor and to all those who were involved in the process.

Link to purchase: Liderlik Cesareti - Optimist Yayın Grubu - Kişisel Gelişim ve İş Kitapları

Now Available for Pre-order: 2nd Edition of "The Art of Focused Conversation"

The 2nd Edition of "The Art of Focused Conversation" is now available for pre-order from New Society Publishers (Canada only) and Amazon, linked below. It will be officially published on September 10, 2024. This essential guide to group communication and decision-making has been updated with new sections on diversity, work-life balance, conflict resolution, and guiding focused conversations online.

Enhance your facilitation skills with 125 sample conversations, the ORID framework, and insights from the latest neuroscience and social psychology research. Authored by R. Brian Stanfield and Jo Nelson, this resource is a must-have for facilitators, leaders, and educators. Pre-order your copy today! If you are residing in Canada, we encourage you to pre-order your copy directly from New Society Publishers.
Courage to Lead connects ICA Canada and ICA Nepal

Courage to Lead has become a bridge between ICA Canada and ICA Nepal as we collaborate to offer an 8-week online Courage to Lead study series. With over 32 enthusiastic participants from Nepal, the program has fostered a profound exchange of ideas and insights.

As the series reaches its halfway mark, we extend our deepest gratitude to all participants for their openness, vulnerability, and active engagement in each session, enriching the conversations with their perspectives and experiences. We also express our heartfelt appreciation to ICA Nepal for their exceptional organization and steadfast support, which have been instrumental in making this series a great success and valuable learning opportunity for ICA Canada.

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ICA Kenya June Report
In May three ICA representatives attended the UN Civil Conference in Nairobi. Read the full report here.

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Nepal has been involved in multiple ongoing activities these past two months:
- collaborating with ICA Bangladesh to do online ToP training and with ICA Canada to offer Courage to Lead training;
- working with women’s health and creating a health manual;
- offering multiple programs to schools; and
- imagining the future through Friday talks.

Read the full report here.

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Ukrainian Women's Diplomacy in Japan

A report on the impact of ICA Japan hosting a forum for a Ukrainian women delegation in November 2023. Read the full report here.

A New Peacekeeping Initiative of Ukrainian Women at the UN

Report of a Ukrainian women delegation attending the 68th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women March 11-22, 2024 and followup in New York. Read the full report here.

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Uptown Earth Day Celebration

In April, the 2024 Uptown Earth Day Celebration, co-hosted by ICA and McCutcheon Elementary School, focused on sustainability and community engagement. The event drew over 100 participants and featured 15 sustainability organizations. Attendees applauded recent state legislation targeted at eliminating styrofoam and single-use plastics as reported by Illinois State Senator Mike Simmons and Illinois State Representative Hoan Huynh. DJ Elgin provided amazing music and Uptown Deli and Byron’s Hot Dogs donated delicious food.

Green Wall Project

ICA and McCutcheon Elementary collaborated on a ‘Green Wall’ project, repurposing plastic bottles into planters to promote environmental awareness. This project served as a highlight of McCutcheon’s Earth Week festivities.

The Uptown Decarb Building Collaborative

The Uptown Decarb Building Collaborative, an ICA program involving 13 Uptown buildings, welcomed Chicago’s Chief Sustainability Officer, Angela Tovar. Members of the Collaborative discussed their sustainability efforts over the past two years and received recommendations from Tovar on advancing toward carbon neutrality. On Earth Day, in recognition of their commitment, the Collaborative was honored with the Climate Action Hero Award by Chicago’s Climate Action Museum.

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Global Schedule of Events

To see four types of events: studies, significant conversations, training and impactful global events visit the Global Schedule at: https://icaglobalarchives.org/social-research-center-events/

Remember, YOU are invited to:
1- Offer a presentation you are interested in giving;
2- Recommend other people to present;
3- Participate in any of the events and encourage your friends to attend; and
4- Give feedback by emailing: icaglobalschedule@gmail.com

The vision for the Global Schedule of Events is to make this easily accessible and globally friendly to all no matter where and what!

Alan, Karen, Robyn, and Sunny