About On the Table

On the Table is an annual forum that invites Chicagoans from diverse backgrounds, neighborhoods and perspectives to gather over mealtime conversations to build personal connections and explore how we can work together to make our communities stronger.

Where?
The discussions are held in person in places that will inspire action—this may be your library, church, neighborhood restaurant, office break room or even around your kitchen table. Hold your discussion wherever you can gather, talk and brainstorm with a group of 8–12 people.

Who?
People from Chicago and the metropolitan region, and from all walks of life, host and attend On the Table discussions.

Why?
The Chicago Community Trusts organizes On the Table to unite people from diverse backgrounds to explore how we can strengthen our communities and make people’s lives better. When we come together—face-to-face—to find common ground and common cause on community issues and challenges that matter to people, powerful things can happen.

What’s Next?
If your discussion produces great, actionable ideas that you’re ready to take on, then do it! You might also consider applying for an Acting Up award. Now in its third year, the Acting Up award program has provided monetary awards to help hosts and guests take their ideas from discuss to do. Learn more about the program at onthetable.com, and respond to the call-for-applications starting May 9, 2018.

Learn More
Visit onthetable.com to learn more and register.